

TRAUMATIC INJURY

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Key Questions

Is patient alert?
 Is patient breathing normally?
 How was the patient injured?
 Where is the patient injured?
 Is the suspect still present?
 Describe what happened.
 Is the patient bleeding?
 If yes,
 How much?
 How long?
 Can it be controlled with pressure?

SIMULTANEOUS ALS/BLS

Dispatch

Unconscious/not breathing normally.
 Decreased level of consciousness.
 Penetrating/crushing injury (except to hands or feet.)
 Multiple extremity fractures
 Femur (thigh) fracture.
 Uncontrolled bleeding.

BLS DISPATCH

Penetrating/crushing injury to hands or feet.
 Unknown or internal injuries.
 Minor injuries
 Concerned caller without apparent injuries to victim.
 Isolated extremity fracture.
 Police request stand-by/check for injuries.

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Pre-Arrival Instructions

Do not move patient, unless there are hazards.
Do not remove or touch impaled object.
If bleeding, use clean cloth and apply pressure directly over it.
If cloth becomes soaked, do not remove, add to what is already there.
Use care not to obstruct the airway or breathing.
Keep patient warm.
Do not disturb anything.
Gather patient medications, if possible.
If the patient's condition changes, call me back.

Prompts

If unconscious, go to UNCONSCIOUS/BREATHING NORMALLY AIRWAY CONTROL
If unconscious, NOT breathing normally, go to CPR for appropriate age group.
Is law enforcement needed?



Short Report

Age
Sex
Specific location
Chief complaint
Pertinent related symptoms
Medical/Surgical history, if any
Other agencies responding
Any dangers to responding units